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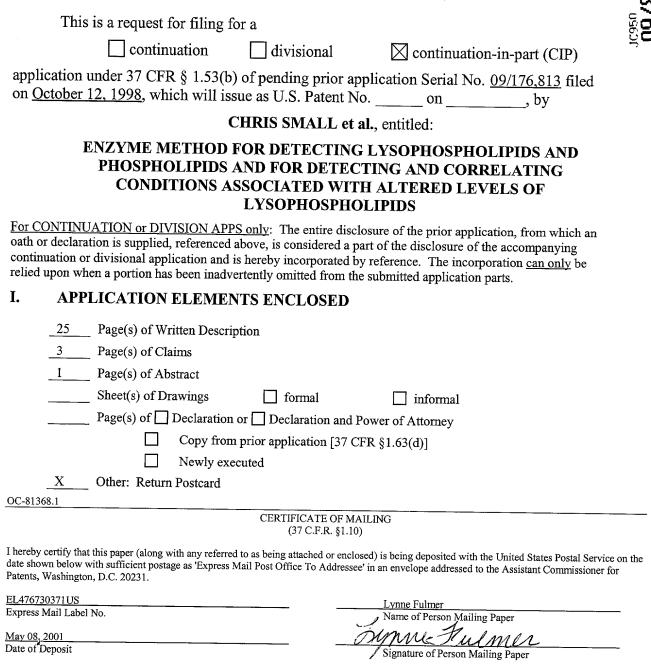
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		Assignment papers (cov	ver sheet a	and doc	umei	ıts(s))				
	An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449, with copies of cited items.										
		Request and Certification form PTO/SB/35									
II.	FEE	CALCULATION									
	Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.										
		BASIC FILIN	G FEE:					\$710.00			
	Tot	al Claims	15	-	20	=	0	Х	\$18.00	\$0.00	
	Inde	ependent Claims	1		3	=	0	х	\$80.00	\$0.00	
	Mu	ltiple Dependent Claims	\$270	(if a	applic	able))			\$0.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS								\$710.00			
	Red	luction by ½ for Filing by S	Small Entity.					\boxtimes	\$355.00		
	Mis	c. Filing Fees (Recordation	1 of Assig	nment)				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$0.00	
	_	TOTAL FEES	DUE HE	REW	ITH					\$355.00	
III.	PRIC	ORITY - 35 USC § 119									
		Priority of application Serial No. <u>09/176,813</u> filed on <u>October 12, 1998</u> in <u>United States</u> is claimed under 35 USC § 119.									
		The certified copy has b	een filed i	n prio	· U.S.	appl	icati	on Se	erial No.	on	
		The certified copy will f		1		TT					
IV.	AME	ENDMENTS									
		Cancel in this application original Claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes if no new claims are added in a preliminary amendment.)						be retained			
		A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by Amendment must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)									

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V.	REL	ATE BACK - 35 USC § 120					
		Relate back information included in preliminary amendment or specification.					
	\boxtimes	Please amend the specification as follows:					
		This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No 09/176,813 filed October 12, 1998. The priority of the prior application is expressly claimed, and the disclosure of this prior application is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.					
		With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC § 120, the inventor(s) in this application is (are) [37 CFR 1.53(b)(1)]:					
		the same.					
		less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventor(s) identified above for the prior application be deleted [see 37 CFR §§1.33(b) AND 1.63(d)(2)]:					
		[Name(s) of inventor(s) to be deleted]					
VI.	METHOD OF PAYMENT OF FEES						
		Attached is a check in the amount of					
		Charge Lyon & Lyon's Deposit Account No. 12-2475 in the amount of					
	\boxtimes	Not attached. No filing fee is submitted. [This and the surcharge required by 37 CFR § 1.16(e) can be paid subsequently.]					
VII.	. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES						
	No. 12	ommissioner is hereby authorized to credit Lyon & Lyon's Deposit Account 2-2475 for any over payment of fees and to charge the following additional fees by this and during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 12-2475:					
		37 CFR § 1.16 (Filing fees and excess claims fees)					
		37 CFR § 1.17 (Application processing fees)					
		37 CFR § 1.21 (Assignment recordation fees)					
VIII.	POW	ER OF ATTORNEY & CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS					
		The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.					
		The power does not appear in the original papers, but was filed on in prior application Serial No					
		A new power has been executed and is attached.					

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IX.	MAINTENANCE OF CO-PENDENCY OF PRIOR APPLICATION							
		A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.						
		A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending prior application. A copy of the conditional petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.						
X.	ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION							
	Please abandon the prior application at a time while the prior application or when the petition for extension of time or to revive in that application and when this application is granted a filing date so as to make this application with said prior application. At the same time, please add the value abandoned to the amendment of the specification set forth in Item V a							
		Respectfully submitted,						
		LYON & LYON LLP						
Dated:	May 8	. 2001 By:						

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